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Washington, D.C.20549
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Rule 12g3-2(b) Exemption ____ of Kobe Steel, Ltd.,

File number:82-3371

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Dear Madam/Sir:

In connection with Kobe Steel Ltd.'s exemption pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) from the registration and reporting requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and in compliance with its ongoing requirements under Rule 12g3-2(b)(iii), please find enclosed a copy of the Company's release today covering

"ISSUANCE OF DOMESTIC UNSECURED YEN BONDS"

Thank you for your assistance in handling it as required.

Sincerely yours,

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ISSUANCE OF DOMESTIC UNSECURED YEN BONDS

Kobe Steel, Ltd. hereby gives notice that it has decided to issue Domestic Unsecured Yen Bonds under the terms as set forth below

Domestic Unsecured Yen Bonds due 30 October, 2013

1. Name:

Kobe Steel, Ltd.

Series 43 Unsecured Bonds

(Limited Inter-Bond Pari Passu Clause)

2. Total Amount of Issue:

10 Billion Yen

3. Denomination of Bond:

100,000,000 Yen each

4. Interest Rate:

1.91% per annum of the principal of the Bonds

5. Issue Price:

100% of the principal amount of the Bonds

6. Redemption Price:

100% of the principal amount of the Bonds

7. Maturity Date:

To be redeemed in a lump sum on 30 October 2013

8. Offering Period:

19 October 2006

9. Closing Date:

30 October 2006

10. Method of Issue:

Public offering in the domestic market

11. Date of Payment of

Interest on the Bonds:

Semiannually on 30 April and 30 October

12. Status of the Bonds:

Unsecured by assets or guarantees

13. Fiscal Agent:

Mizuho Corporate Bank, Ltd.

14. Underwriters:

Mitsubishi UFJ Securities Co.,Ltd.

Use of Proceeds:

To be applied toward redemption of bonds